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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 609
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. John M. Eisenberg of
Potomac, Maryland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the untimely death of Dr. John M. Eisenberg; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eisenberg was an exemplary public servant and consummate physician
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eisenberg, Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality,
dedicated his medical career to improving patient care; his life of service and goodwill stands as
a testament to the difference one person can make; and

WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Dr. John M. Eisenberg was raised in Memphis and
graduated from White Station High School in 1964; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished scholar, Dr. Eisenberg graduated from Princeton University
in 1968 and the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis in 1972; he earned a

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Master of Business Administration at the Wharton School and was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable leader and physician was a former Chairman of the Department of Medicine and Physician-in Chief at Georgetown University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John M. Eisenberg founded the General Internal Medicine Department at the University of Pennsylvania, where he served with distinction as its Chief; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the medical profession, Dr. Eisenberg accepted the position of Director for the Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 1997; and

WHEREAS, for the past five years, he steadfastly worked with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to reduce medical errors and improve patient safety, earning the respect of his peers and superiors for his integrity, acumen, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Dr. John M. Eisenberg distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eisenberg was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his loving wife of thirty-two years, D.D. Rudner Eisenberg; his sons, William Eisenberg and Michael Eisenberg; his mother, Roslyn Eisenberg Karesh; and his three brothers, Richard Eisenberg, William Eisenberg, and Jeff Eisenberg; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Dr. John M. Eisenberg was the epitome of a kind neighbor and citizen; a wonderful human being, he was beloved by all who were privileged to have known him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eisenberg leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dr. John M. Eisenberg, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his distinguished service as a doctor, administrator, and mentor, his meritorious work with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, his stalwart commitment to public service, and the courage and conviction with which he lived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Eisenberg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.